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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 7-11 are pending. Claims 1-6 were previously cancelled, and claims 12-20 are currently withdrawn from consideration. By this amendment, claims 7 and 11 are amended.

35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Rejections

Claims 7-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Wilk et al (US Patent 5,269,767).

Applicants have amended claim 7 to recite that the convex surface of the nodule faces the point of the body. Wilk et al disclose a convex surface facing away from the body. According to Wilk et al., the eye contact member 20 must have a concave surface 22 in order to engage the eyelid of the patient so as to enable the application of pressure over an extended surface of the cornea. Wilk et al. therefore does not teach or suggest the subject matter of amended claim 7.

Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 7 is allowable. Claims 8-11 depend from claim 7 and are therefore also allowable.

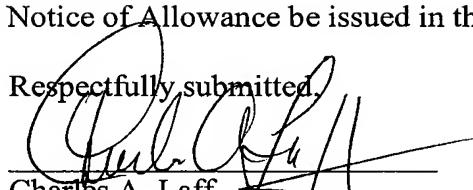
Claim 11 is amended to correct a typographical error.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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